



The Pelican's Beak

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Key Dates

- ◆ Family Fun Day
September 12
- ◆ Scoutmaster/SPL
Dinner- October 14
- ◆ One day of
Service - October
(TBA)
- ◆ Fall Ordeal
November 6-8
- ◆ Fall Fellowship
December 4-6
- ◆ SR1A Winter
Leadership En-
campment
December 11-13

My Brothers,

I hope that all of you have had a great summer. As we enter into the second half of 2009 and our youth prepare to return to school, we find ourselves at a crossroad. While we prepare for a very active autumn, let us not forget to look back on what we've accomplished.

Up to this point we've held many LEC meetings, discussed new plans to help the lodge run better in coming years, provided some cheerful service to our camp, inducted 47 new members at Spring Ordeal, and, of course, traveled over 600 miles to Bloomington, Indiana, for the National Order of the Arrow Conference. At NOAC, our contingent competed in various ceremony and drum competitions. Although we did not place in competitions, all of our arrowmen learned valuable lessons about how to improve themselves not only in the Order but also in the world through The Power of One, the theme of NOAC.

As we continue through 2009, I would like you all to ponder this: that every single one of us has the power to change the world around us. Whether in the Order, at home, at school, or at work, all of us have special talents and abilities that can help make the world a better place.

So how can you help? You will see very soon how much we plan to do this fall. Besides our usual Fall Ordeal and Fellowship, we will also be planning our ONE DAY of Service somewhere in the community and work days at our camp to keep it clean and viable. We'd like to help the Cub Scouts of our council with their Fall Encampment and send some of our youth leaders and adult advisors to our section's Winter Leadership Encampment. On top of all that, there is the possibility that our lodge might be hosting the annual Section Conclave in April, which will also take a great deal of commitment from all of our lodge's members.

Still not enough for you? I urge you to offer your cheerful service in your individual communities. So much work and progress can and needs to be made in today's world. And remember my brothers, "He who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest!"



In Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service,
Louis Fattet
Chilantakoba Lodge Chief



NOAC 2009 Indiana State University

There's nothing like getting lost far from home. Well, there was a lot of that at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana as twenty-two people from our lodge attend the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). The scouts figured out that the adults have short term memories and couldn't remember how to get anywhere. So the scouts were the navigators around campus.

NOAC is designed to bring arrowmen together from across the country and train them in things that they can bring back to benefit not only their lodge, but their communities as well. They went through various training sessions learning different skills such as budgeting, event planning, and other useful things. These are things that will help with the lodges and in the future lives of the scouts.

Our lodge also had ceremony, drum, and dance in competitions. These scouts put hard work and dedication into these things and the lodge is lucky to have them. Although we didn't win the competitions, the judges there critiqued them on what they can improve on and ways to get better. All of the boys did an amazing job everyone should be proud of them for going out with such commitment and dedication and for representing this lodge well.

For the first time in NOAC history, there was a theme to it this year. It wasn't some ordinary theme like Hawaiian or Spanish, it was "The Power Of One". Everything that happened at NOAC revolved around teaching this theme. No matter how big or small, in the OA or not, any one person can make a difference in their lodge, in the OA, in their communities, or even the world. All of you need to think about this next time your saying to yourself, "How can I by myself make a difference" or "They wont listen to me even if I tried." Each and every one of you CAN do it. You just need to believe in yourself and you will make a difference. Get active in your community, that's where you can start. We encourage you to attend NOAC 2012 at Michigan State University to experience the wonders of NOAC. It's a great opportunity and you won't regret it.

Written by Lonnie Hardy

Brotherhood



Brothers,

With the Fall Ordeal around the corner, now is a great time to start thinking about completing the final phase of the Ordeal process, the sealing your membership in the Order of the Arrow. The lodge needs a 30% conversion rate in order to qualify for the Quality Lodge Award, which means that every person that goes through the Brotherhood in November is helping the lodge achieve that goal. Our lodge has earned Quality Lodge for the last three years and would like to achieve that honor again, but we can't do it without you!

The Fall Ordeal is November 6-8,2009. If you have any questions about the Brotherhood please feel free to contact me at jfarrar@chilantakoba.com. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the Brotherhood.

Yours in Wimachtendienk
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